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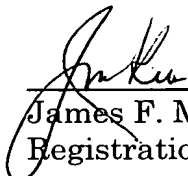
Based on the discussion at the personal interview as accurately characterized by the Examiner in the interview summary, applicant believes that the claims presented herein patentably define over the prior art and will be allowed upon the Examiner's updated search and further consideration. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #3701/49519).

Respectfully submitted,

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